

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 48 - SB 856

March 6, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Expands the prerequisite application criteria for funeral embalmer license apprenticeships to include lawful permanent residents of the United States. Authorizes an applicant for a funeral embalmer apprenticeship license to obtain the required mortuary science associate degree in either the art or science track.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004543): Deletes the provision of the original bill that expanded application criteria for funeral embalmer license apprenticeships to “lawful permanent residents” and replaces it with a provision to include “an individual enumerated in 8 U.S.C. § 1622(b)”.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is presumed that the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (BFDE) currently accepts applications from individuals with a federally recognized work status and the proposed legislation would not significantly increase the amount of approved licenses.
- Expanding the mortuary science associate of arts degree application prerequisite to include a mortuary science associate of science degree will not significantly increase the amount of approved apprenticeship licenses.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The BFDE experienced a deficit of \$136,881 in

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FY16-17, a surplus of \$132,889 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,237,260 on June 30, 2018.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will not cause a significant impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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